

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Docket No. MC2002-1

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF DAVID B. POPKIN
(DBP/USPS-6(b)(d))

On May 17, 2002, the United States Postal Service filed responses to the following interrogatories of David B. Popkin: DBP/USPS-1-6, filed on May 3, 2002. Since that time, additional information has been provided that is more responsive to DBP/USPS-6. Therefore, the United States Postal Service hereby supplements its response to DBP/USPS-6(b)(d).

The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the original response and the supplemental response.

Respectfully submitted,

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DBP/USPS-6 (a) Please explain the use, if any, that the Postal Service will make of this data to correlate with ODIS data for delivery performance. (b) Same as subpart a except for correlation with EXFC data. (c) Does Price Waterhouse utilize PLANET barcodes for their EXFC mail? (d) If so, please explain and provide information on the use made of the data.

RESPONSE:

- a. The Postal Service does not currently, nor plan to, correlate PLANET Code and ODIS data.
- b. The Postal Service has not performed statistical analyses to correlate PLANET Code data with EXFC results for delivery performance.
- c. Yes.
- d. PLANET Code data are used for diagnostic purposes to determine where, during the processing of the test mailpiece, a deficiency has occurred. This is purely an internal process indicator.

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE:

b. and d. The Postal Service has only recently begun utilizing PLANET Code information on EXFC test pieces. Postal Quarter02 of FY02 was the first full quarter of usage. We are only now just developing the diagnostic reports. Proposed reports include:

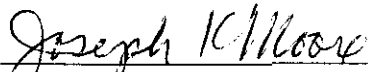
The Transportation Route Report will show the different transportation routes that test pieces are taking between any two performance clusters. For each origin performance

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cluster, destination performance cluster, and service standard chosen, a list of all transportation routes taken by EXFC test pieces will be shown. These routes are defined by the PLANET Code scans *received from the CONFIRM system*. Also, the Failed Mail Piece Report will show PLANET Code scan information for all failed EXFC pieces.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.



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